Filling up of vacancies of Judges

*271. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of civil and criminal cases pending in each of the High Courts and the Supreme Court of India;

(b) what is the total number of posts of Judges in High Courts and Supreme Court which are lying vacant as on the 1st January, 2000; and

(c) by when, these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) A statement is enclosed *(see* below).

(b) As on 1.1.2000, there were three posts vacant in the Supreme Court and 128 posts of judges in all High Courts put together.

(c) The filling up of vacancies in the Supreme Court and the High Court is a continuous consultative process among the Constitutional authorities.While every effort is made to fill the existing vacancies at the earliest, vacancies do keep arising in the Supreme Court and the High Courts on account of retirement/ resignation or elevation of Judges.

Statement

Civil and criminal cases pending in the Supreme Court of India and the High Courts

Supreme Court	CIVIL	CRIMINAL	ASON
	16,559	3,701	1.2.2000
SI. No.	Name of the High Court	CIVIL	CRIMINAL	AS ON
I.	Allahabad	690666	125366	9/99
2.	Andhra Pradesh	127047	8518	12/99
3.	Bombay	260105	24098	12/99
4.	Calcutta	268342	37356	9/99

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	CIVIL	CRIMINAL	AS ON
5.	Delhi	152308	18593	6/99
6.	Gauhati	38097	5681	12/99
7.	Gujarat	105403	16129	12/98
8.	Himachal Pradesh	9345	2583	12/99
9.	J & K	69917	2034	9/99
10.	Karnataka	78128	4359	9/99
11.	Kerala	87015	9888	12/99
12.	Madhya Pradesh	63121	40699	12/99
13.	Madras	323712	33383	9/99
14.	Orissa	105242	9306	9/99
15.	Patna	66962	15950	9/99
16.	Punjab & Haryana	148837	29160	9/99
17.	Rajasthan	97720	21778	9/99
18.	Sikkim	170	33	9/99

Improvement of Tourist Places in Bihar

†*272. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any special scheme for improving the tourist places situated in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Development and improvment of tourist infrastructure at tourist places / spots is primarily undertaken by the State Governments. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance to the State Governments / Union Territory Governments for the same in consultation with State Governments.

For the current financial year Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the State Government has identified 23 projects for Central financial

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.